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Sir:

The information listed below may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. The information listed includes that which was previously considered by a U.S. Examiner during the prosecution of applications from which this application takes priority, as well as newly cited information. There have been rejections during the prosecution of pending applications and a number of attacks on the validity of corresponding foreign patents and allowed applications. Rejections and other attacks have been made in the form of, inter alia, written argument, document citations and affidavits. While these attacks are believed to be without merit, it is believed by Applicants that this information should be submitted to the Examiner out of an abundance of caution. The best explanation of these attacks is believed to be found in the various written arguments, pleadings, opposition statements and witness statements that accompanying the attacks. Relevant selections from Applicants' responsive pleadings, opposition replies, and witness statements that set out Applicants' views of the various statements are likewise submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to me all of this information of official record in the application. For the Examiner's convenience, the information has been organized as follows:

- I. DOCUMENTS CITED IN PRIOR RELATED APPLICATIONS:
- II. DOCUMENTS CITED IN OPPOSITION TO EUROPEAN PATENT 0 181 150-B RELATING TO THE PENDING APPLICATION:
- III. DOCUMENTS CITED IN LITIGATION NO. C934380; CHIRON CORPORATION V. ABBOTT LABORATORIES ON RELATED U.S. PATENT NO. 5,156,949:
- IV. OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS: and
- V. SUMMARY:

I. DOCUMENTS CITED IN PRIOR APPLICATIONS:

The following documents were disclosed in related patent applications U.S. Serial No. 06/773,447 and U.S. Serial No. 07/138,894. Copies of the documents are not included as provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d). These documents, however, are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

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III. DOCUMENTS CITED IN LITIGATION NO. C 93 4380 MHP:

The following documents were either cited by one of the parties or filed in *Chiron v. Abbott Laboratories*, No. C93 4380 MHP. A copy of each of these documents is provided. In addition, these documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. The supporting documentation are not attached to those documents submitted herein. Applicants offer to make any of the supporting documentation available to the Examiner upon request, subject to the Protective Order in force.

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IV. OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS:

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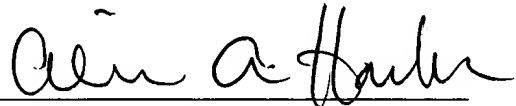
V. SUMMARY:

Applicants request that the Examiner initial and return the form PTO-1449 indicating that the documents and materials provided herewith or in the cross-referenced earlier applications have indeed been considered and made of record herein.

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